WHEREAS, July 27, 1876, marked the entry into the world of one Mary, now affectionately known as "Grandma" Reeter; and,

WHEREAS, Mary came to the State of South Dakota in the year 1908 and to the Canistota area in the 1930's; and,

WHEREAS, Mary is the proud mother of nine Children, who have in turn presented her with eighteen Grandchildren, forty-six Great Grandchildren, and twelve Great, Great Grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Mary is a lifetime church member and a member of the Canistota Methodist W.S.C.S; and,

WHEREAS, Mary has twice received the honor and distinction of being crowned the "Senior Citizens Queen" of the Sioux Empire Area; and,

WHEREAS, Mary is an enthusiastic booster of local sporting activities, holding a lifetime pass to the Canistota High School Basketball Games, and she also keeps busy by knitting mittens for all of her family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, We in South Dakota are proud and fortunate to have among us such a fine lady as Mary Reeter, who so aptly personifies the phrase, "Youth is a gift of God, old age is a work of art;" and,

WHEREAS, Sunday, July 25, 1976, will mark the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of "Grandma" Reeter; and,

WHEREAS, It is of particular significance that she should be celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of her birth during the Bicentennial Anniversary of the birth of this great Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The One Hundredth Birthday of "Grandma" Reeter is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this special day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 25, 1976, as

MARY "GRANDMA" REETER DAY

in South Dakota, and join with her many friends and relatives in wishing her an abundance of good health and happiness.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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